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SUBJ: STARKIST SCIENTIST TEMPORARILY JAILED IN GABON

1.REQUEST. STARKIST GHANA MANAGING DIRECTOR JACK KAVANAUGH HAS REPORTED THE BELOW DESCRIBED INCIDENT INTERRUPTING STARKIST EFFORT TO OBTAIN FISHING RIGHTS IN GABONESE WATERS, WITH POTENTIAL INVESTMENT FOLLOW-ON AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY LIBREVILLE'S ADVISE ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED.

2. INCIDENT. J. ERIC KWEI, A GHANAIAN SCIENTIST EMPLOYED BY STARKIST FOODS, LOS ANGELES, AT PRESENT BAYED WITH STARKIST (GHANA) AT TEMA PORT HERE, WENT TO LIBREVILLE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO DISCUSS LICENSES FOR STARKIST TUNA BOATS TO FISH IN GABONESE WATERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF A STARKIST SUBSIDIARY IN GABON. DR. KWEI MET WITH, AND WAS WARMLY RECEIVED, BY GABONESE'S MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND FISHERIES AND ASKED TO RETURN WITH A DETAILED WRITTEN PROPOSAL. ON HIS RETURN MAY 8, HE WAS ARRESTED AT THE AIRPORT, HELD IN CELL THERE, WITHOUT FOOD, FOR OVER 24 HOURS AND THEN RELEASED TO DEPART GABON. HIS ROUNDTRIP TICKET, VALID VISA AND, GLE UNDERFTANZEF# UN NAVEL DOCUMENTS (HE HAD WORKED FOR UN) WERE FACTORS FAVORING HIS RELEASE. HE WAS NOT PERMITTED
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TO TELEPHONE WHILE THERE. HE MAILED THE STARKIST PROPOSAL (SEEKING LICENSES FOR 20 VESSELS AND SOME FORM-- UNSPECIFIED -- OF INVESTMENT IN GABON) TO THE MINISTER FROM LOME MAY 10. STARKIST IS SENDING US A COPY OF ITS PROPOSAL AND WE WILL POUCH IT PROMPTLY TO LIBREVILLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. STARKIST (GHANA) HAS REPORTED

THIS INCIDENT TO STARKIST FOODS LOS ANGELES AND ASKED
THIS EMBASSY TO SEEK AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE ADVICE ON HOW
STARKIST MIGHT BEST PROCEED. IN ADDITION, STARKIST WOULD
BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING EMBASSY LIBREVILLE COULD SUGGEST
OR DO TO ENABLE STARKIST TO RESUME ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. SMITH

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